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SUBJECT: SOVIET COPYRIGHT - SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AT
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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS (AAP) ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE BILATERAL TALKS WITH REPS OF SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING, PRINTING AND BOOK TRADE (GOSKOMIZDAT) DURING OR AFTER FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 14-19, IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY.
2. AAP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING SOVIETS AT BOOK FAIR BUT EXPECT GOSKOMIZDAT CHAIRMAN STUKHALIN AND V. V. YEZHKO, CHIEF EDITOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL LITERATURE TO BE AT TALKS.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT GOSKOMIZDAT TO ASCERTAIN MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION AT FRANKFURT TALKS. APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST SO WE MAY INFORM AAP WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE APPROPRIATE REPS OF AAP AT FRANKFURT TALKS.
4. EMBASSY FYI: WHEN APPROACHING GOSKOMIZDAT, EMBASSY REQUESTED NOT TO INDICATE USG SUPPORT OF TALKS. WE ANTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORS. IF THIS HAPPENS, ANY INVOLVEMENT ON PART OF USG
WOULD INDICATE SUPPORT TO US PUBLISHERS ON THIS HIGHLY

SENSITIVE TOPIC WHICH IS ALSO RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE
COVERAGE AT THIS TIME IN US NEWSPAPERS. USG INVOLVEMENT
COULD CAUSE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS. END FYI RUSH

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